## NEW BURNING PERMIT PROCEDURE FOR GOODHUE COUNTY

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is now requiring burn permits be purchased online for GOODHUE County. Permits obtained through this system are valid for 12 months from purchase date; the fee for a permit is five dollars (\$5.00).

Permits available on line are currently only offered for burning small piles of vegetative material or for burning areas less than one acre in size (about the size of a football field). If you wish to burn large piles or larger areas, you will need to contact Lake City Forestry Office 651-345-3216.

**Note:** You may not conduct your burn until you have requested activation as instructed on your permit. You may activate on-line during your application process, or by calling 1-866-533-2876. Activation will only be possible if burning conditions are favorable to allow open burning; you will receive an activation code that you must write on your permit in the space provided.

What you will need before starting the application process:

- You must be the landowner or have written permission of the landowner to burn at the burn site location.
- Information about the type of burn (piled material, grass field, garden plot etc.)
- Location of the burn, either an address (E-911 compatible) or the legal description (available on your property tax statement)
- Credit/Debit card (Mastercard or Visa)
- Printer to print your completed permit (you must have printed permit with you while conducting your burning operation)
- A valid email account. An email account is required by the banking system to process your credit card payment. In addition, the email account will allow you to reprint a permit at a later date if it is misplaced or destroyed and will save entry time in the future as much of the information you need to enter will be saved in the system.
- Turn off any pop-up blocking software you may have installed.

## Web Site to obtain a DNR online Burning Permit:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/burningpermits

Remember that burning without a permit or failing to activate a permit for date of use can result in fines and a bill from the Fire Department for its response.